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Media Advisory

Sheriff Applauds Judge in Stiffening Sentence for Concertina Bar Armed Robber

Milwaukee (3:30 PM): In an August 26, 2014, MCSO Media Release entitled, "Watered Down Charge in Exchange for Plea Bargain Rears Its Ugly Head, Again" Sheriff Clarke noted that Jose H. Munoz, age 22, of Milwaukee, arrested and initially charged with Attempted Armed Robbery/Felony Murder for a brazen daytime holdup that occurred at Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall last year, had seen his potential jail time limited in a plea deal that saw his initial charges watered down to 2nd Degree Reckless Homicide. The Assistant DA running the case, Grant Huebner, blasted Sheriff Clarke in court during the trial of the co-defendant, Joel Rivera, even as he recommended only a four-year prison term and open-ended supervision in Munoz's case.

Thankfully, earlier today that deal ran into the waiting glare of Judge Timothy Dugan. In sentencing Munoz, Judge Dugan wisely ignored the recommendation of the DA and Defense Attorney and sentenced Munoz to 15 years in the Wisconsin system, with 8 years initial confinement accompanied by 7 years of extended supervision. Apparently, Judge Dugan understood that 4 years in prison was not enough sanction for a brazen attempted armed robbery, resulting in a death, in which the accused had faced 55 years, already watered down to 25 years, in this plea deal.

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